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Sir:

This communication follows a Notice of Allowance mailed December 8, 2004. Please amend the application as follows.